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COMMAND ORGANIZATION - 1978

A. Commanding Officer

- I. USS JOHN F. KENNEDY (CV 67) is commanded by Captain Lowell R. Myers, who relieved Captain Jerry O. Tuttle on 28 November 1978.

B. Location of Homeport

- I. Homeport for USS JOHN F. KENNEDY is U. S. Naval Base, Naval Station, Norfolk, Virginia.

C. Composition of Command

- I. Commander, Carrier Group TWO; Commander, Carrier Group FOUR; Commander, Carrier Group SIX; Commander, Carrier Group EIGHT utilized USS JOHN F. KENNEDY as their flagship during 1978.

- II. Carrier Air Wing ONE is USS JOHN F. KENNEDY's assigned air wing and is commanded by Commander D. P. March. Commander March relieved Commander G. F. Wheatley on 11 December 1978.

a. Air Wing ONE: (1978)

Squadron

VAW-125  
VA-46  
VA-72  
VA-34  
VS-32  
HS-11  
VF-14  
VF-32  
VAQ-133  
VFP-63 (Det TWO)

Commanding Officer

CDR W. L. MOOBERRY  
CDR J. T. MATHENY  
CDR H. A. MERRILL  
CDR J. M. MCNABB  
CDR P. E. PEDISICH  
CDR L. E. LEWIS  
CDR T. W. WRIGHT  
CDR C. F. LOGAN  
CDR L. I. ASTOR  
LCDR D. H. BEAM

Enclosure (1)

## CHRONOLOGY

### January

- 01-06 Moored Pier 12, Naval Operations Base, Norfolk, Virginia.
- 03 VADM H. E. Greer, COMNAVAIRLANT, arrived for an official visit.
- 06-20 Underway for REFTRA.
- 14-16 RADM J. J. O'Connor, Chief of Chaplains, U. S. Navy, arrived for an official visit.
- 20-30 Moored Pier 12, Naval Operations Base, Norfolk, Virginia.
- 24 RADM W. B. Warwick, COMCARGRU 4, arrived for an official visit.
- 26 RADM W. B. Warwick, COMCARGRU 4, broke his flag on USS JOHN F. KENNEDY (CV 67).
- RADM C. R. Bell, Director, Naval Communications Division, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, arrived for an official visit.
- 29 RADM Ellis, Commander Naval Base Norfolk, arrived with Virginia State Delegation for escorted tour. Lt Governor Robb of Virginia was also with the group.
- RADM Emerson, Commander, Operational Test and Evaluation Force, arrived for an official visit.
- 30-10 Underway from Pier 12, Naval Operations Base, Norfolk, Virginia, for Type Training I.  
(FEB)

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February

01 Underway for Type Training I.

07 LGEN C. J. LeVan, United States Army, and MGEN C. G. Stahl, Commander, Army Material, Swedish Army, arrived for an official visit.

10-21 Moored Pier 12, Naval Operations Base, Norfolk, Virginia.

14 RADM R. F. Dunn, COMCARGRU 8, arrived for an official visit.

21-05 Underway Pier 12, Norfolk, Virginia, for Type Training II, en route Mayport, Florida.  
(MAR)

28 VADM H. E. Greer, COMNAVAIRLANT, arrived for an official visit.

March

- 01 Underway for Type Training II, en route Mayport, Florida.
- 05-07 Anchored Mayport, Florida.
- 07-09 Underway from Mayport anchorage for OPPE, en route Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.
- 09-13 Anchored Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. Vice Mayor of Ft. Lauderdale and party arrived for an official visit hosted by COMCARGRU 4.
- 13-19 Underway from Ft. Lauderdale anchorage for Type Training III and Operation Shamrock, en route Mayport, Florida.
- 19 Anchored/Underway Mayport, Florida, for ORE.
- 20-23 Conducted ORE.
- 24-17 Moored starboard side Pier 12, Naval Operations Base, (APR) Norfolk, Virginia.
- 31 VADM G. E. R. Kinnear, II, relieved VADM H. E. Greer as COMNAVAIRLANT. The following distinguished guests were on board for the COMNAVAIRLANT Change of Command:
- ADM M. F. Weisner, Commander in Chief, Pacific  
ADM F. H. Michaelis, Chief of Naval Material  
VADM W. L. McDonald, Commander Second Fleet  
LGEN R. H. Barrow, Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, U. S. Atlantic Fleet  
VADM F. S. Peterson, Commander, Naval Air Systems Command  
LGEN T. H. Miller, Jr., Deputy Chief of Staff for Aviation, Headquarters Marine Corps  
VADM D. D. Engen, Deputy Chief of Staff Atlantic and U. S. Atlantic Fleet  
VADM W. L. Read, Commander Naval Surface Force, U. S. Atlantic Fleet.

April

- 01-17 Moored starboard side Pier 12, Naval Operations Base, Norfolk, Virginia.
- RADM W. B. WARWICK, COMCARGRU 4, hauled down his flag aboard USS JOHN F. KENNEDY (CV 67).
- 05 RADM G. P. March, Commander Naval Security Group, arrived for an official visit.
- 08 VADM G. E. R. Kinnear, II, and RADM W. B. Warwick, hosted GEN Gholan Azari, Chairman, Supreme Commander's Staff, Iran, for an official dinner visit.
- CDR P. M. Feran relieved CAPT D. B. Cargill as Executive Officer, USS JOHN F. KENNEDY (CV 67).
- 14 Commodore C. Algernon, J-2, Swedish Defense Staff, arrived for an official visit.
- 17-28 Underway from Pier 12, Naval Operations Base, Norfolk, Virginia, for Carrier Qualifications and COMPTUEX 2-78.
- 23 MGEN R. N. Cody, USAF, Deputy Director Operations and Administration, Defense Nuclear Agency, arrived for the Command TSI.
- 26 RADM W. B. Warwick, COMCARGRU 4, broke his flag for Ready Alert Group exercise.
- 28-08 Moored starboard side Pier 12, Naval Operations Base, Norfolk, Virginia.  
(MAY)
- 28 RADM W. B. Warwick, COMCARGRU 4, hauled down his flag and departed the ship.

May

- 01-08 Moored starboard side to Pier 12, Naval Operations Base, Norfolk, Virginia.
- 02 RADM W. B. Warwick, COMCARGRU 4, arrived to conduct Command Inspection.
- 07 RADM N. K. Green, COMCARGRU 6, broke his flag for Exercise Solid Shield.
- 08-26 Underway from Pier 12, Naval Operations Base, Norfolk, Virginia for Exercise Solid Shield.
- 10 VADM G. E. R. Kinnear, II, COMNAVAIRLANT, and Mr. Thomas Lambert, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Public Affairs), arrived for Joint Civilian Orientation Conference. Commenced Combined Weapons Training Exercise for Joint Civilian Orientation Conference.
- 11 Ambassador Edward T. Long, U. S. State Department, arrived for an official visit.
- 22 VADM W. L. McDonald, COMSECONDFLT, arrived for an official visit.
- 23 RADM R. L. Walters, COMCRUDESGRU 8, arrived for an official visit.
- 26-21 Moored starboard side to Pier 12, Naval Operations  
(JUN) Base, Norfolk, Virginia.

June

- 01 Moored starboard side to Pier 12, Naval Operations Base, Norfolk, Virginia.
- 06 RADM R. F. Dunn, COMCARGRU 8, arrived for an official visit.
- 14 RADM R. F. Dunn, COMCARGRU 8, broke his flag for transit of the Atlantic.
- 16 RADM W. B. Warwick, COMCARGRU 4, arrived for an official visit.
- 18 VADM W. L. McDonald, COMSECONDFLT, arrived for security inspection.
- 21-23 Underway from Pier 12, Naval Operations Base, Norfolk, Virginia, for REFTRA (21-22 Jun) and Dependents' Cruise (23 Jun).
- MGEN Kurdi, Commander, Royal Jordanian Air Force, and LGEN Bin Shaker, Commander in Chief, Jordanian Armed Forces, arrived for visit and tour of USS JOHN F. KENNEDY (CV 67).
- RADM L. R. Sarosdy, COMNAVAIRLANT Staff, arrived for an official visit.
- 23-29 Moored starboard side to Pier 12, Naval Operations Base, Norfolk, Virginia.
- 27 VADM G. E. R. Kinnear, II, COMNAVAIRLANT, arrived for an official visit.
- 29 VADM W. L. McDonald, COMSECONDFLT, arrived for an official visit.
- VADM G. E. R. Kinnear, II, COMNAVAIRLANT, arrived for an official visit.
- 29-09 Underway from Pier 12, Naval Operations Base, Norfolk, Virginia, en route 1978-1979 Mediterranean Deployment.  
(JUL)



July

- 01 En route 1978 Mediterranean Deployment.
- 09-12 Anchored Rota, Spain.
- RADM R. F. Dunn, COMCARGRU 8, hauled down his flag.  
RADM R. F. Schoultz, Commander Task Force 60, broke his flag aboard USS JOHN F. KENNEDY (CV 67) for the Mediterranean Deployment.
- 11 RADM W. M. Callaghan, Jr., Commander, Fleet Air Mediterranean, arrived for an official visit.
- 12-17 Underway from Rota, Spain, for transit of Strait of Gibraltar and cyclic operations.
- 15 MGEN Jules Maurile Arbelet, Commanding General, 4th Air Region, Aix-En-Provence, France, and BGEN Aerienne Vedrine, Deputy for Operations, 4th Air Region/Commander, Southeast Defense Zone, France, both arrived for official visits.
- 17-20 Anchored Naples, Italy.
- RADM W. R. Youngblade, Deputy Commander, Naval Striking and Support Forces Southern Europe, arrived for an official visit.
- 20-22 Underway from Naples, Italy, en route Augusta Bay, Sicily.
- 21 Transited Messina Straits.
- 22-23 Anchored Augusta Bay, Sicily.
- VADM H. D. Train, II, Commander Sixth Fleet, arrived for an official visit.
- RADM C. J. Youngblade, Deputy Commander, Naval Striking and Support Forces Southern Europe, arrived for an official visit.
- VADM H. D. Train, II, COMSIXTHFLT, arrived for an official visit.
- RADM W. R. Smedberg, IV, Commander Battle Group 2, arrived for an official visit.
- 23-29 Underway from Augusta Bay, Sicily, for BUZZARDEX and National Week XXV.

July

- 25 ADM H. E. Shear, Commander in Chief, Allied Forces Southern Europe, arrived for an official visit.
- Completed BUZZARDEX, began National Week XXV.
- 28 Completed National Week XXV, en route Augusta Bay, Sicily.
- 29 Anchored Augusta Bay, Sicily.
- VADM H. D. Train, II, COMSIXTHFLT, arrived for an official visit.
- RADM W. R. Smedberg, IV, Commander Battle Group 2, arrived for an official visit.
- RADM C. J. Youngblade, Deputy Commander, Naval Striking and Support Forces Southern Europe, arrived for an official visit.
- RADM W. M. Callaghan, Jr., Commander, Maritime Surveillance and Reconnaissance Force Sixth Fleet, arrived for an official visit.
- RADM P. D. Tomb, Commander, Attack Submarine Force Sixth Fleet, arrived for an official visit.
- 29-06 Underway from Augusta Bay, Sicily, for ASW Week and tran-  
(AUG) sit to Trieste, Italy.

August

- 01 Underway for ASW Week and transit to Trieste, Italy.
- 03 LGEN Fredrick Oblesser, Commander, German Air Force Logistics Command; MGEN W. Meissner, Commander, Logistics Group South; and BGEN R. Paschke, Chief of Supply, German Air Force, arrived for official visits.
- 06-12 Anchored Trieste, Italy.
- 12-19 Underway from Trieste, Italy, en route Souda Bay, Crete.
- 14 Mr. Winston Churchill, United Kingdom Parliamentarian, arrived for an official visit.
- 16 Ambassador Robert J. McCloskey, U.S. Ambassador to Greece, and MGEN R. A. Bresnahan, USA, Chief JUSMAGG, arrived for an official visit.
- 17 LGEN Demetrios Papageorgiou, Chief, Hellenic Air Force General Staff; MGEN Vasilios Chrisafopoulos, Inspector General, Hellenic Air Force General Staff; and BGEN John Hadjiris, Assistant Chief of Staff, 28th Tactical Air Force, Greece, all arrived for official visits.
- 18 LGEN Spiros Politis, Director, NATO Missile Firing Installation, Crete, arrived for an official visit.
- 19 Anchored Souda Bay, Crete.
- 19-22 Underway from Souda Bay, Crete, en route Naples, Italy.
- 1 Transit the Messina Straits.
- 22-04 Anchored Naples, Italy.  
(SEP)
- 26 RADM J. F. Frick, Assistant Chief of Staff for Logistics, Allied Forces Southern Europe, arrived for an official visit.
- 29 VADM J. D. Watkins, prospective COMSIXTHFLT, arrived for an official visit.
- 31 ADM Thomas B. Hayward, Chief of Naval Operations, arrived for an official visit.

September

- 01 Anchored Naples, Italy.
- 04 Underway from Naples, Italy, en route Augusta Bay, Sicily.
- 05 Anchored Augusta Bay, Sicily.
- 05-12 Underway from Augusta Bay, Sicily, en route Alexandria, Egypt.
- 09 Completed Open Ocean MISSILEX.
- 12-18 Anchored Alexandria, Egypt.
- Governor Abdell Tawab Abmed Hodeib, Governor of Alexandria; RADM Ashrof Refaat, Commander in Chief, Egyptian Navy; MGEN Mohamed Nabieh, Commanding General, Northern Military Zone; and Mr. Walter McClelland, American Consul General, Alexandria, all arrived for official visits.
- 15 BGEN James C. Pfautz, USAF, U. S. Defense Attache, Egypt, arrived for an official visit.
- RADM Mohamed Ali Mohamed, Chief of Staff, Egyptian Navy, arrived for an official visit.
- 17 RADM Elgazar, Commanding Officer, Naval Base, Alexandria, arrived for an official visit.
- 18-21 Underway from Alexandria, Egypt, en route Naples, Italy.
- 19 Honorable Dr. Patrick Duffy, Under Secretary for Defense for the Royal Navy and VADM J. P. Moorer, Commander in Chief, United States Naval Forces Europe, both arrived for official visits.
- 20 Transited Messina Straits.
- 21-27 Anchored Naples, Italy.
- 26 CAPT Hunter, COMDESRON 24, broke his pennant aboard USS JOHN F. KENNEDY (CV 67) for Exercise Display Determination 1978.
- 22 NATO Day Guest Cruise.
- 27-12 (OCT) Underway from Naples, Italy, for Exercise Display Determination en route Taranto, Italy.
- 28 Transit of Messina Straits (southerly).
- 29 Transit of Messina Straits (northerly).

October

- 01 Underway for Exercise Display Determination, en route Taranto, Italy.
- VADM J. D. Watkins, COMSIXTHFLT, arrived for an official visit.
- 02 Southerly transit of Messina Straits.
- 04 BGEN Brookshire, Inspector General, Supreme Allied Commander Europe, arrived for transfer to accompanying units.
- 08 VADM J. D. Watkins, COMSIXTHFLT, arrived for an official visit.
- 10 ADM H. E. Shear, Commander in Chief, Allied Forces Southern Europe and ADM Aldo Baldini, Commander, Allied Naval Forces Southern Europe, arrived for official visits.
- 12-17 Anchored Taranto, Italy.
- 13 CAPT Tito Berti Armaudi, Chief of Staff, Maridipart, arrived for an official visit.
- Dr. Orazio Sparano, Prefect of Taranto; ADM Thaller, Italian Navy; Mr. Cannata, Mayor of Taranto; and Mr. Tarrantino, Provincial President, all arrived for official visits.
- 17-18 Underway from Taranto, Italy, en route Souda Bay, Crete.
- 18 Anchored Souda Bay, Crete.
- 18-24 Underway en route Palma De Mallorca, Spain for participation in a NAMFI Missilex and AAW Week.
- 23 VADM R. Y. Kaufman, Director, Command and Control and Communications Programs (OP-094), arrived for an official visit.
- 24-07 Anchored Palma De Mallorca, Spain.  
(NOV)
- 25 GEN Luis Del Barrio, Military Governor, Balearic Islands; Senor Cesareo Rodriguez, President of the Courts; RADM Rafael Marquez, Chief, Naval Secotr Balearics; Senor Paulino Buchens, Mayor of Palma; Senor Manuel Marin, Civil Governor of the Balearics;

October

LGEN Manuel Nadal, Captain General of the Balearics; BGEN Francisco Torres, Chief, Air Sector Balearics; and Senor Jeronimo Alberti, President of the Inter - Insular Councils, all arrived for official visits.

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VADM Jose R. Caamano, Spanish Fleet Commander, and RADM Diaz Del Rio Y Gonzalez-Aller, Commander Escort Force, Spain, arrived for official visits.

VADM Bigault De Cazanove, Commander, French Mediterranean Fleet, arrived for an official visit.

November

- 01 Anchored Palma De Mallorca, Spain.
- 07-13 Underway from Palma De Mallorca, Spain, en route Naples, Italy, participating in Exercise Poopdeck and ASW Week.
- 07 LGEN Manuel De La Torre Pascual, Captain General, First Military Region; MGEN Slade Nash, USAF, JUSMAG-MAAG Spain; MGEN Jose Rinion Dominguez, Commandant, Spanish Marine Corps; RADM Lorenzo Rey Diaz, Chief, Strategic Division, Navy Staff; BGEN Luis Saez Larumbe, Chief, Operations Division, Army Staff; and BGEN Luis Azqueta Brunet, Chief, Plans Division, Air Force Staff, all arrived for official visits.
- 08 VADM G. E. R. Kinnear, II, COMNAVAIRLANT, arrived for an official visit.
- 13-22 Anchored Naples, Italy.
- RADM E. A. Burkhalter, Jr., Commander, Naval Intelligence Command, arrived for an official visit.
- 22-27 Underway Naples, Italy, for participation in Exercise Lafayette and Spanish PASSEX, en route Barcelona, Spain.
- 24 BGEN Nedim Asil, Turkish Air Force, arrived for an official visit.
- 27-04 Anchored Barcelona, Spain.  
(DEC)
- 28 CAPT L. R. Myers relieved CAPT J. O. Tuttle as Commanding Officer, USS JOHN F. KENNEDY (CV 67).

December

- 01 Anchored Barcelona, Spain.
- 04-09 Underway Barcelona, Spain, en route to Golfo Di Palmas, Sardinia, for a MISSILEX and a port visit to Valencia, Spain.
- 05 RADM R. W. Carius, Commander, Sea Based ASW Wings Atlantic, arrived for an official visit.
- 09-17 Anchored Valencia, Spain.
- 11 CDR D. P. March relieved CDR G. F. Wheatley as Commander, Carrier Air Wing ONE.
- 14 Senor Millan, Acting Governor of Valencia, Spain, arrived for an official visit.
- 17-21 Underway from Valencia, Spain, en route Naples, Italy, conducting PHIBLEX 12-78 and SINKEX 2-78.
- 18 VADM Jose Ramon Caamano Fernandez, Commander in Chief, Spanish Mediterranean Fleet, and RADM Jess Diaz Del Rio Y Gonzalez-Aller, Commander, Escort Force, Spain, arrived for official visits.
- 21-31 Anchored Naples, Italy.



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USS JOHN F. KENNEDY (CV 67) COMMAND HISTORY

NARRATIVE

1978 was an extremely busy, productive and rewarding year for the officers and men of USS JOHN F. KENNEDY. USS JOHN F. KENNEDY began the year moored to Pier 12, Naval Station, Norfolk, Virginia. On 3 January, VADM H. E. Greer, Commander Naval Air Force Atlantic Fleet, arrived and awarded USS JOHN F. KENNEDY the Atlantic Fleet Battle Efficiency "E" for battle readiness (KENNEDY's fourth). The first underway period for 1978 was REFTRA, conducted from 06 - 20 January in the Jacksonville operating area. USS SANTA BARBARA teamed up with USS JOHN F. KENNEDY for a highly efficient ammo on-load which comprised 748 total lifts and 988 total tons. This led CINCLANTFLT to remark in March, "It is a pleasure to note the very high percent of ordnance mission allowance items expected to be on board. USS JOHN F. KENNEDY will forward deploy with as full a seabag as our ammo supply system now permits, which is largely due to her diligent monitoring and aggressive follow up of ordnance requisitions". Contaminated shipboard aviation fuel lines had little effect on (wing and fleet) training efforts, as aircraft were continuously refueled by the ship's shorebased tanker aircraft (primarily KA-6D) prior to the correction of the deficiency. The embarked Airwing also flew low-level, bombing, air intercept and FXP-type training exercises, working closely with USS JOHN F. KENNEDY. The year's first COMPTUEX was conducted with supporting Second Fleet ships during this time period.

On 14 January, RADM J. J. O'Connor, Chief of Chaplains, U. S. Navy, arrived for an official visit. During his three day stay, he dedicated the ship's new Chapel. Confirmation was received on January 14th, that an E-2C from CVW-1, embarked in USS JOHN F. KENNEDY, had crashed 25 miles southwest of Wilmington, N.C., killing all five crewmembers. RADM W. B. Warwick, Commander Carrier Group FOUR, arrived for an official visit on 24 January and broke his flag on USS JOHN F. KENNEDY on 26 January. Visiting the ship on

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26 January was RADM C. R. Bell, Director, Naval Communications Division, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations. USS JOHN F. KENNEDY was host to Virginia's Lieutenant Governor Robb and a delegation of seventy Virginia legislators on the 29th of January. RADM Ellis, Commander Naval Base Norfolk, led the entourage of legislators. Also, on the 29th, USS JOHN F. KENNEDY was toured by RADM Emerson, Commander, Operational Test and Evaluation Force.

At 0630R on 30 January, USS JOHN F. KENNEDY set the Special Sea and Anchor Detail, commencing Type Training I under the direction of Commander Carrier Group FOUR.

USS JOHN F. KENNEDY and the embarked air wing began preparation for the Operational Readiness Exercise by flying 12 hours per day and performing various FXP-type exercises. Numerous raids against the task force were conducted to test the AAW posture of the ship and EA-6B jamming demonstrations were used to train radar operators in an electronic warfare environment. A MK-35 SEPTAR was used for BPDMS and Shrike shoots. During non-flying hours, aircrews viewed recognition slides and reviewed NATOPS and weapon procedures for their respective aircraft. On 7 February, honors and a tour of the ship were conducted for Lieutenant General C. J. LeVan, United States Army, of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, who was escorting Major General C. G. Stahl, Commander, Army Material, Swedish Army. After successfully completing all exercises and drills, the ship returned to Pier 12, Naval Station, Norfolk, on 10 February 1978.

From 10 - 21 February, USS JOHN F. KENNEDY prepared for Type Training II. RADM R. F. Dunn, Commander Carrier Group EIGHT, arrived for an official visit on the 14th. During February 21 - 23, USS JOHN F. KENNEDY conducted operations in the VACAPES area consisting of a MISSILEX involving both the ship and aircraft as launch platforms. On 24 February, USS JOHN F. KENNEDY transited to the JAXOA and conducted daily flight ops for the duration of TYT II. Naval Air Test Center, Patuxent River, Maryland, utilized ACLS approaches to calibrate the SPN-41 and SPN-42. Major training evolutions during TYT II included boiler flex tests, man-over-board drills and flag hoist/flashlight exercises.

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On 28 February, VADM H. E. Greer arrived for an official visit. On 2 - 4 March, the Nuclear Weapons Assistance Inspection was conducted for CVW-1 and USS JOHN F. KENNEDY, resulting in a totally satisfactory grade. USS JOHN F. KENNEDY then successfully completed a rigorous schedule of drills and exercises in preparation for the ORE prior to anchoring at Mayport, Florida, on 5 March 1978. While at anchor from 5 - 7 March, Naviation Department directed a vigorous Boat Officer training program. On 7 March, USS JOHN F. KENNEDY was underway for the ship's Operational Propulsion Plant Examination en route to Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. After successfully completing the OPPE, the ship anchored in Ft. Lauderdale on 9 March. The Vice Mayor of Ft. Lauderdale arrived on that day for an official visit hosted by Commander Carrier Group FOUR.

On 13 March, USS JOHN F. KENNEDY was underway for the commencement of Type Training III, Operation Shamrock and the Operational Readiness Examination. The Annual Supply Inspection (ASI) was conducted by COMNAVAIRLANT during the period 13 - 17 March. The purpose of the ASI was to evaluate the effectiveness of all supply, food services and retail store functions in the performance of assigned missions, functions and tasks. Not reflected in the satisfactory grade, but addressed as part of the general evaluation, was the excellence found in all Supply Department functional areas.

CVW-1 participated in Operation Shamrock from 15 - 17 March. This Combined Weapons Training Exercise, coordinated with USS EISENHOWER, was observed by President Carter on board USS EISENHOWER. TYT III served as final preparation for the ORE. TYT III was the culmination of Refresher and Type Training for the USS JOHN F. KENNEDY/AIRWING ONE team. Continuous flight operations were supplemented by a MINEX at Charleston Harbor, a series of CONTAREXES and a SAREX at Pinecastle Range. The primary OPAREA included the W-157 A and B Warning Areas off the Georgia coast. Air operations consisted of various EW, AAW, ASW, Bombing (including a SINKEX) and force defense exercises. On 19 March, USS JOHN F. KENNEDY anchored at Mayport, Florida, to embark ORE observers.

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The ORE was conducted on 19 - 23 March and was comprised of a postulated threat scenario, numerous ship and airwing graded exercises and written examinations of airwing and ship's personnel. The overall coordination and expertise demonstrated by USS JOHN F. KENNEDY and Airwing ONE earned an overall grade of High Excellent from the staff of Commander Naval Air Force, Atlantic, assisted by COMCARGRU FOUR. Commander Carrier Group FOUR stated, "The intensive operations normally associated with type training and the ORE was made even more demanding by parallel tasking to participate in a Netherlands Navy Task Group Exercise, a Combined Weapons Training Exercise (Operation Shamrock) and a major fleet evaluation project with USS VIRGINIA. The successful completion of this extraordinary schedule while also preparing for and conducting an Operational Propulsion Plant Examination, an Annual Supply Inspection and a Nuclear Weapons Acceptance Inspection by both the ship and airwing was truly outstanding and could only have been accomplished by the complete dedication and professionalism of all hands. The operational readiness of USS JOHN F. KENNEDY and Carrier Airwing ONE and your exceptional ability to respond to unique tasking bodes well for the challenge of future employment." USS JOHN F. KENNEDY returned to Pier 12, Naval Base, Norfolk, on 24 March in the highest possible degree of battle readiness.

On 31 March 1978, USS JOHN F. KENNEDY was proud to host the COMNAVAIRLANT Change of Command. Full honors were rendered for ADM Weisner, Commander in Chief, Pacific; VADM Engen, Deputy Chief of Staff, Atlantic, and U. S. Atlantic Fleet; VADM Greer, retiring Commander Naval Air Force, U. S. Atlantic Fleet; and VADM Kinnear II, Commander Naval Air Force, U. S. Atlantic Fleet. Other personnel attending the ceremony included ADM Michaelis, Chief of Naval Material; LGEN Barrow, Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, U. S. Atlantic Fleet; VADM Peterson, Commander, Naval Air Systems Command; LGEN Miller, Jr., Deputy Chief of Staff for Aviation, Headquarters Marine Corps; VADM McDonald, Commander Second Fleet; and VADM Read, Commander Naval Surface Force, U. S. Atlantic Fleet.

On April 1st, RADM Warwick hauled down his flag aboard USS JOHN F. KENNEDY. Also on 1 April, COMNAVAIRLANT nominated USS JOHN F. KENNEDY for the 1977 Brattenburg Cup, an award for the Atlantic Fleet ship displaying the best overall proficiency. RADM March, Commander Naval Security Group, arrived

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for an official visit on 5 April. On the 8th, VADM Kinnear and RADM Warwick were on board to host a dinner for GEN Azari, Chairman Supreme Commander's Staff, Iran. On 8 April, CDR Feran relieved CAPT Cargill as Executive Officer, USS JOHN F. KENNEDY. Commodore Algernon, J-2, Swedish Defense Staff arrived for an official visit on the 14th.

On April 17th, USS JOHN F. KENNEDY commenced Carrier Qualifications and COMPTUEX 2-78. The ship anchored at Mayport, Florida, on 22 April to transfer personnel. The ship got underway within hours to complete Reserve, CNET and Fleet Carrier Qualifications in record time. The Field Command, Defense Nuclear Agency Technical Standardization Inspection Team (headed by MGEN Cody, USAF, Deputy Director OPS and Admin) embarked and conducted the TSI 24 - 29 April, resulting in another passing grade for USS JOHN F. KENNEDY. The ship was en route Norfolk when COMSECONDFLT ordered a Ready Alert Group Embarkation Drill on 26 April. RADM Warwick, Commander Carrier Group FOUR, broke his flag aboard USS JOHN F. KENNEDY on 26 April for the Ready Alert Exercise. USS JOHN F. KENNEDY rapidly responded to the contingency operations assigned on a no-notice basis before returning to Pier 12, Naval Station, Norfolk, Virginia, on 28 April, when RADM Warwick hauled down his flag.

On May 2nd, RADM Warwick arrived to conduct yet another Command Inspection, resulting in a satisfactory evaluation.

On 7 May, RADM Green, Commander Carrier Group SIX, broke his flag for Exercise Solid Shield. USS JOHN F. KENNEDY was underway once again on 8 May. VADM Kinnear, COMNAVAIRLANT, arrived on 10 May to host 70 members of a Joint Civilian Orientation Conference. The guests, headed by Mr. Lambert, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Public Affairs), included male and female civic leaders interested in a better understanding of Navy missions and readiness posture. Additional distinguished visitors during this at sea period were 100 members of the St. Louis Navy League. All guests observed the Combined Weapons Training Exercise consisting of a display of firepower by air, surface and subsurface forces. The next distinguished visitor to USS JOHN F. KENNEDY was Ambassador Long, State Department participant in Solid Shield, who arrived on 11 May.

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Exercise Solid Shield consisted of a full spectrum of Naval Operations conducted over a period of 11 days and included transits, quarantine/blockade and amphibious assaults, all of which were supported by naval air and opposed by enemy air, surface, subsurface and ground forces. The exercise activities focused on an amphibious landing which occurred in the Camp Lejeune area of North Carolina. Prior to the landing, USS JOHN F. KENNEDY based aircraft provided support for the amphibious forces' transit to the Amphibious Objective Area. This transit was opposed by U. S. surface and subsurface forces and the Puerto Rican Air National Guard which were operating in the Orange Role. For the duration of the exercise, USS JOHN F. KENNEDY aircraft provided sea control in the AOA while simultaneously providing close air support for the troops on the beach. USS JOHN F. KENNEDY and its airwing put on a superb, non-stop display of the flexibility and strength that a carrier contributes to our country's national objectives. USS JOHN F. KENNEDY's visitors during the exercise included VADM McDonald, Commander Second Fleet, on 22 May, and RADM Walters, Commander Cruiser Destroyer Group EIGHT, on 23 May 1978. On 26 May, USS JOHN F. KENNEDY moored starboard side to Pier 12, Naval Station, Norfolk, Virginia. In memory of those shipmates who had gone before, USS JOHN F. KENNEDY Dressed Ship on Memorial Day, 29 May. In May, USS JOHN F. KENNEDY was awarded the Golden Mike Award which was presented by COMNAVAIRLANT for the ship with the most effective internal communications program during 1977.

Accolades continued to accumulate for USS JOHN F. KENNEDY when in June, AIMD was awarded the Chief of Naval Operations' Villard C. Sledge Award for excellence in aircraft engine maintenance. The Power Plants Branch won the award for proficiency in processing engines during FY 1977, and became the only Third Degree Maintenance Activity Afloat ever to win this most coveted award.

The month of June was devoted to preparation for the impending Mediterranean deployment. RADM Dunn, Commander Carrier Group EIGHT, arrived for an official visit on 6 June and broke his flag for transit of the Atlantic on 14 June. On 18 June, VADM McDonald, Commander Second Fleet,

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arrived for a security inspection. USS JOHN F. KENNEDY was underway 21 June to conduct three days of Refresher Training. Visitors on 21 June were LGEN Shaker, Commander in Chief, Jordanian Armed Forces; MGEN Kurdi, Commander Royal Jordanian Air Force; and RADM Sarosdy, COMNAVAIRLANT Staff. The ship returned to Pier 12 on 23 June and hosted a "Super Day on Super K" where 4600 assembled guests and dependents spent a superb day at sea. VADM Kinnear arrived for an official visit on 27 June. On 29 June final visits were made by VADM McDonald and VADM Kinnear. At 1300, USS JOHN F. KENNEDY was underway for an eleven day transit of the Atlantic Ocean from Norfolk, Virginia, en route Rota, Spain, marking the commencement of the ship's seventh Mediterranean deployment. A remarkable accomplishment was the fact that USS JOHN F. KENNEDY had zero CASREPTS, an achievement not previously accomplished by a CV incident to a deployment. This can be attributed to an aggressive Supply Department which expedited outstanding CASREPT requirements to both TYPE Commander and shore activity personnel having management responsibility for CASREPT material. During the eleven day transit, flight operations were conducted on all but two days. USS JOHN F. KENNEDY was surveilled on 3 July by two Soviet Bear D reconnaissance aircraft. USS JOHN F. KENNEDY was able to effect an intercept of the Bears by F-14A fighters.

On 8 July, a PASSEX occurred during which Airwing ONE and Task Group units planned and employed their AAW defensive capabilities against a strike by USS NIMITZ aircraft. On 9 July, USS JOHN F. KENNEDY arrived at Rota, Spain, and conducted a turnover with USS NIMITZ. RADM Dunn, Commander Carrier Group EIGHT, hauled down his flag and was replaced by RADM Schoultz, Commander Task Force SIX ZERO, as he broke his flag aboard USS JOHN F. KENNEDY for the Mediterranean deployment. On 11 July, RADM Callaghan, COMFAIRMED/CTF-66/CTF-67, arrived for an official visit and on 12 July, USS JOHN F. KENNEDY was underway en route Naples, Italy. Flight operations were characterized by normal cyclic operations with an emphasis on establishing and maintaining accurate SSSC. The ship operated in the Gulf of Cadiz on the 12th and then transited the Straits of Gibraltar en route an anchorage at Naples, Italy, on the morning of 17 July.

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USS JOHN F. KENNEDY continued to be a most gracious host to visitors. On 15 July, USS JOHN F. KENNEDY welcomed MGEN Arbelet, Commanding General, 4th Air Region, Aix-en-Provence, France, and BGEN Vedrine, Deputy for Operations, 4th Air Region, Commander, Southeast Defense Zone, France. On 17 July, RADM Smedberg, IV, Commander Battle Group TWO, arrived for a visit. RADM Youngblade, Deputy Commander, Naval Striking Forces Southern Europe, arrived for a visit on the 19th.

USS JOHN F. KENNEDY was underway from Naples on 20 July for an intense at sea period consisting of three demanding exercises: BUZZARDEX 78, National Week XXV and ASW Week 8-78. After transiting the Messina Straits on 21 July, USS JOHN F. KENNEDY arrived at Augusta Bay training anchorage the following day for BUZZARDEX and National Week XXV briefings attended by VADM Train, Commander Sixth Fleet; RADM Youngblade; RADM Smedberg; and the Commanding Officers of seven Task Force 60 ships.

BUZZARDEX 78 was held during 23 - 25 July in the Gulf of Sidra north of Libya. The objective of the exercise was to test the fleet defense and maritime air superiority of the carrier versus TALOS missiles launched from USS ALBANY (CG 10). VF-14 and VF-32 were successful in nine AIM shots. Two AIM-54 PHOENIX, four AIM-7F SPARROW and three AIM-7E SPARROWS were credited with hits. ADM Shear, Commander in Chief, Allied Forces Southern Europe, arrived for a visit on 25 July.

USS JOHN F. KENNEDY proceeded directly into National Week XXV, conducted 26 - 29 July 1978. Past National Week exercises involved an "Orange" CV Task Group versus a "Blue" CV Task Group in a freeplay, war-at-sea scenario. National Week XXV differed in that it exercised the coordination of two "Blue" CV Task Groups operating jointly against "Orange" surface, subsurface and air threats. National Week XXV was a four phase evolution consisting of:

Phase 1: Pre-sail Conference aboard USS JOHN F. KENNEDY at Augusta Bay, Sicily, 23 July.

Phase 2: USS JOHN F. KENNEDY and USS FORRESTAL conducted a joint ASW/SSSC sweep of the central Mediterranean and Ionian Seas in a war-at-sea scenario.



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Phase 3: Maintain sea control and project power ashore by providing Close Air Support missions to Blue Forces engaged in a simulated land war.

Phase 4: Post Exercise Conference aboard USS JOHN F. KENNEDY on 29 July at Augusta Bay.

National Week XXV was a most successful exercise characterized by precise and dynamic coordination of all Blue Forces. The judicious use of war-at-sea tactics effected complete control of the air and seas.

USS JOHN F. KENNEDY transitioned to ASW Week which transpired 30 July - 4 August. Objectives were to operate air ASW assets on a 24 hour basis and exercise coordination between USS JOHN F. KENNEDY's ASW assets, the Task Group and maritime patrol aircraft. ASW Week significantly enhanced the Task Group's ASW warfare posture. VS-32 and HS-11 flew every scheduled sortie and augmented the prosecution effort of the ASW screen on numerous occasions. ASW flight hours depicted a 217 percent increase compared to the ASW Week conducted prior to USS JOHN F. KENNEDY's inchop, realizing 169 hours of round-the-clock operations. O.K. Corral Shootouts demonstrated the aggressiveness, coordination and professionalism of the combined Task Group 60.1 air and surface forces. Three distinguished visitors spent 3 August on board USS JOHN F. KENNEDY. Receiving a warm welcome were LGEN Oblesser, Commander, German Air Force Logistics Command; MGEN Meissner, Commander, Logistics Group South; and BGEN Paschke, Chief of Supply, German Air Force.

A successful PASSEX was conducted on 5 August when an aggressive SSSC effort located and simulated destruction of the FGS DEUTSCHLAND. The KENNEDY/AIRWING ONE team continued to demonstrate their prowess as flight operations were conducted for 12 hours in the confines of the Adriatic Sea. On 6 August, USS JOHN F. KENNEDY arrived in beautiful Trieste, Italy.

On 8 August, Miss America and her party arrived and performed for the men on the hangar bay. Six days of relaxation and an accumulation of memories ended when USS JOHN F. KENNEDY headed fair and set sail once again on 12 August.

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After departing Trieste, USS JOHN F. KENNEDY and AIRWING ONE again conducted flight operations in the highly restricted airspace of the Adriatic Sea. The following two days were characterized by 12 hours per day of routine flight operations leading into continuous round-the-clock ASW flight operations. USS JOHN F. KENNEDY also provided target services for a Harpoon Exercise involving USS MACDONOUGH, USS PATTERSON and UOS SIMS. On 14 August, Mr. Winston Churchill, United Kingdom Parliamentarian, arrived to view flight operations and to tour the ship. On 15 August, AIRWING ONE attack squadrons simulated execution of the Launce Sequence Plan (LSP). This was the commencement of 27 continuous hours of flying for the tactical aircraft. On 16 August, Ambassador Robert J. McCloskey, U. S. Ambassador to Greece, and MGEN R. A. Gresnahan, USA, Chief JUSMAG, observed a KENNEDY/AIRWING ONE Combined Weapons Training Exercise (CWTE) which demonstrated the awesome amount of firepower generated by a CV in a power projection role. The highlights of the at sea period occurred on 17 and 18 August when the Missile Exercise and the combined Readiness Assessment Exercise (CRAE) were held. The MISSILEX was held at the NAMFI Missile Range and participants included fighter aircraft as well as SAM equipped ships. The F-14 Tomcats were extremely successful in firing SPARROW and SIDEWINDER missiles against the NAMFI launched drones. The CRAE was directed against the AVGO NISI target northeast of Crete. Attack aircraft were successful in delivering 220 tons of live ordnance over the two day period. Distinguished visitors on board were LGEN D. Papageorgiou, Chief Hellenic Air Force General Staff; MGEN V. Chrisafopoulos, Inspector General, Hellenic Air Force General Staff; and BGEN J. Hadjiris, Assistant Chief of Staff, 28th Tactical Air Force, Greece. LGEN S. Politis, Director NATO Missile Firing Installation, Crete, arrived for a visit on 18 August. USS JOHN F. KENNEDY and Task Group 60.1 anchored briefly in Souda Bay on the 19th for a post-exercise conference.

USS JOHN F. KENNEDY departed Souda Bay on the evening of 19 August and flight operations resumed. S-3 and SH-3 aircraft participated in a torpedo exercise while attack aircraft participated in a mining exercise. USS JOHN F. KENNEDY transited the Messina Straits on 21 August and anchored at Naples, Italy, on the morning of 22 August, commencing a 13 day port call during which USS JOHN F.

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KENNEDY continued to host many distinguished visitors. RADM J. F. Frick, Assistant Chief of Staff for Logistics, Allied Forces Southern Europe, visited on 26 August and VADM Watkins, prospective Commander Sixth Fleet, visited on 29 August. VADM F. S. Peterson, Commander Naval Air Systems Command, and our most distinguished visitor, ADM Thomas B. Hayward, Chief of Naval Operations, visited on 31 August.

USS JOHN F. KENNEDY sortied from Naples on the morning of 4 September to commence an 8 day at sea period. Flight operations on the 4th provided refresher training for the Airwing. USS JOHN F. KENNEDY transited the Messina Straits late that afternoon en route an Open Ocean Missilex pre-sail conference at Augusta Bay. Activity on the 5th and 6th consisted of FXP-type ZULU exercises to prepare the Task Group for the MISSILEX. USS JOHN F. KENNEDY arrived at the MISSILEX op-area in the Gulf of Sidra on the 6th with the OOM commencing on the 7th. A major contribution to the success of the OOM was the execution of 8 manned raids, involving 8 to 16 aircraft, simulating air launched CRUISE missiles. These raids, along with the drone raids, gave the Task Group invaluable AAW training in an electronic warfare environment. S-3 aircraft provided excellent range clearance before each firing period in response to a well formulated search plan. A-7 aircraft with AUTOCAT were invaluable for over the horizon UHF communications between the Mobile Sea Range Control Team on USS JOHN F. KENNEDY and the drone shooter, USS FORREST SHERMAN. RADM Schoultz remarked, "The recently completed September 1978 Open Ocean MISSILEX is considered to be the most effective and productive integrated (missile firings/manned raids) MISSILEX conducted in the Mediterranean in a hostile jamming environment. The efforts by associated commands in the planning, support and actual execution of the evolution was considered outstanding. The demand for disciplined airmanship and good seamanship and precision station keeping by Task Group units and USS DETROIT was flawlessly executed....A most deserved well done." FINEX for the OOM was the afternoon of 9 September, at which time KENNEDY proceeded en route a port call at Alexandria, Egypt. AIRWING ONE continued flight operations en route by executing war-at-sea strikes on Task Group units located over 350nm away from the carrier. KENNEDY anchored at Alexandria, Egypt, the morning of 12 September and was visited by Governor Abdell Hodeib, Governor of Alexandria; RADM A. Refaat, Commander in Chief, Egyptian Navy; MGEN M. Nabieh, Commanding General, Northern Military Zone; and Mr.

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W. McClelland, American Consul General, Alexandria. On 15 September, BGEN J. Pfautz, USAF, U. S. Defense Attache, Egypt, and RADM M. Mohamed, Chief of Staff, Egyptian Navy, arrived for a visit. RADM Elgazar, Commanding Officer, Naval Base, Alexandria, visited on the 17th. Alexandria was a unique and interesting port call for the KENNEDY crew who continued to expand their reputation as ambassadors of goodwill.

USS JOHN F. KENNEDY was underway for a three day transit en route Naples, Italy, on the morning of 18 September. The short transit served as an excellent opportunity for training and qualifications in various areas. Visiting on 19 September was the Honorable Dr. R. Duffy, Under Secretary for Defense, Royal Navy, and VADM J. P. Moorer, Commander in Chief, United States Naval Forces, Europe. VA and VS squadrons dropped a realistic field of practice mines on 20 September at Pachino target, located at the southern tip of Sicily. The operation was completed with great precision due largely to a newly organized MINEX Planning Team. The MPT had standardized procedures and calculations specifically for mining evolutions, enabling them to develop thorough working plans for a MINEX in a minimum amount of time. The team is comprised of members of VA and VS squadrons and CTF-60 Staff who had graduated from the Navy's Mine Warfare course.

VF and VAQ squadrons conducted several Maritime Air Superiority (MAS) events with the EA-6B serving as both jammer and Anti-Ship Cruise Missile platform, while F-14's and A-7's simulated inbound missiles. Emphasis was placed on making MAS more realistic by including more use of self-protection chaff, corridor chaff and different electronic jamming parameters. USS JOHN F. KENNEDY anchored at Naples, Italy, on the morning of 21 September.

Always eager to display her wares, USS JOHN F. KENNEDY set sail on 22 September for a NATO Day Guest Cruise whereby the guests observed aerial demonstrations, operational familiarizations and USS JOHN F. KENNEDY hospitality. The 1200 guests were returned to Naples that evening, tired but enthusiastic, after their day at sea on board the Fleet's Finest. That inport period was also spent eagerly preparing for NATO Exercise Display Determination and its demanding

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schedule. CAPT Hunter, COMDESRON 24, broke his pennant aboard USS JOHN F. KENNEDY on 26 September, and KENNEDY sortied Naples, Italy, on the morning of 27 September for Exercise Display Determination 1978 (DD-78). Display Determination 1978 was a medium scale NATO exercise which included the participation of NATO ground forces. Commander Task Force 60 joined with other NATO forces to provide sea control and to support the transit and landing of amphibious forces in Northern Greece. At the commencement of the exercise, USS JOHN F. KENNEDY transited from Naples through the Straits of Messina for Ionian Sea operations on the 28th. USS JOHN F. KENNEDY transited back into the Tyrrhenian Sea on the 29th to commence support of the Amphibious Task Force. Following a rendezvous, the USS JOHN F. KENNEDY Task Group preceded the amphibious ships back through the Straits of Messina once again on an easterly transit towards Crete. The Amphibious Task Force conducted a rehearsal landing at Southern Greece on 6 October and an actual landing at Strymonikos, Greece, on 11 October. USS JOHN F. KENNEDY and AIRWING ONE remained in the Ionian Sea providing overall sea control while simultaneously providing simulated close air support missions to the Amphibious Objective Area. The following events occurred during Display Determination 1978:

- (1) Dissimilar Air Combat Training (DACT) between AIRWING ONE F-14's and USAF F-15's;
- (2) Scheduled and unscheduled raids against USS JOHN F. KENNEDY by USAF F-4's, F-5's and F-111's;
- (3) Low level target routes flown over Sicily, Southern Italy and Greece;
- (4) A mass raid on Gioia Del Colle airfield, Italy, on 1 October;
- (5) Strikes against Orange surface ships;
- (6) SUCAP, CAP and ASW missions in support of the amphibious units;
- (7) Bombing targets at Capo Teulada, Pachino, Punta della Contessa and Kastro ranges;

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(8) ASW prosecution of submarines from Greece, Italy, Turkey and the United Kingdom, all of which simulated Orange Foxtrots;

(9) EA-6B "Dizzy Jolt" jamming missions over Greece;

(10) Operations with an ASW Task Group of combined U. S., UK and Greek Forces;

(11) Joint operations and raids with HMS ARK ROYAL; and

(12) Two "Flex Deck" periods of over 60 hours each which highlighted USS JOHN F. KENNEDY/AIRWING ONE readiness in a realistic wartime environment.

Display Determination 1978 provided the opportunity for several distinguished visitors to observe USS JOHN F. KENNEDY in action. VADM Watkins, Commander Sixth Fleet, was on board October 1st and 8th. ADM Harold Shear, Commander in Chief, Allied Forces Southern Europe, and ADM A. Baldini, Commander Allied Naval Forces, Southern Europe, arrived for a visit on 10 October. On 12 October, USS JOHN F. KENNEDY anchored at Taranto, Italy, for a five day port visit. USS JOHN F. KENNEDY dressed ship and held a Dining In in observance of the Navy's Birthday on 13 October 1978. Visiting that day were Dr. Sparano, Prefect of Taranto; ADM Thaller, Italian Navy; Mr. Cannata, Mayor of Taranto; and Mr. Tarantino, Provincial President.

USS JOHN F. KENNEDY departed Taranto, Italy, on the morning of 17 October. On 18 October, the ship anchored at Souda Bay, Crete, for a NAMFI MISSILEX Pre-Exercise Brief. That afternoon, USS JOHN F. KENNEDY was underway and prepared for the upcoming MISSILEX and AAW Week. The NAMFI MISSILEX was conducted 19 and 20 October with the Commanding Officer of USS DALE acting as Officer Conducting the Exercise (OCE) and CTF-60 as Officer in Tactical Command (OTC). The exercise was conducted with the objective of improving fleet readiness for AAW, ASMD and particularly the employment of BPDMS and AIM's from A-7 and F-14 combat weapons systems. In addition, the MISSILEX was to provide live firing training in BPDMS/AIM/GUN systems and detection/acquisition training in TERRIER, TARTAR and Gun systems. All objectives were

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attained during the two day MISSILEX. The time frame combined a live firing MISSILEX by VF and VA squadrons in which four AIM-7, seven AIM-9 missiles and a BPDMS SPARROW were expended concurrently with a two day live ordnance delivery on Avgo Nisi target.

USS JOHN F. KENNEDY maintained a 38 hour Flex Deck during AAW Week which further enhanced the ship's readiness. The climax of the at sea period was a highly successful PASSEX with USS SARATOGA. Over 45 raid windows were scheduled and flown against the opposing CV. The "ready deck" concept was once again successfully employed, allowing AIRWING ONE to maintain continuous presence overhead USS SARATOGA during an eight hour period.

The end of the month's flight operations were highlighted by new community high monthly flight hour records attained by VF-14 with 977 hours and VAW-125 with 402 hours. VA-46 amassed over 1000 hours and VAQ-133 and VS-32 set individual squadron monthly flight hour marks.

On 23 October, VADM R. Kaufman, Director, Command, Control and Communications Programs (OP-094), arrived for a visit. On the morning of 24 October, USS JOHN F. KENNEDY anchored at Palma De Mallorca, Spain, to commence a two week port visit, which was highlighted by the dependents' charter flight which brought many loved ones to Spain from the United States and vice versa. USS JOHN F. KENNEDY continued to play host to many distinguished visitors. Visiting on 25 October were GEN L. Del Barrio, Military Governor, Balearic Islands; Senor C. Rodriguez, President of the Courts; RADM R. Marquiz, Chief, Naval Sector Balearics; Senor P. Buchens, Mayor of Palma; Senor M. Marin, Civil Governor of the Balearics; LGEN M. Nadal, Captain General of the Balearics; BGEN F. Torres, Chief, Air Sector, Balearics; and Senor J. Alberti, President of the Inter-Insular Councils. Visiting on 27 October were VADM J. R. Caamano, Spanish Fleet Commander; VADM B. De Cazanove, Commander, French Mediterranean Fleet; and RADM J. D. Y Gonzalez-Aller, Commander, Escort Force, Spain.

The list of awards continued to grow during October when USS JOHN F. KENNEDY received the Energy Conservation Award for 1977. This award, presented by the Secretary of the Navy, was for the large ship winner exhibiting

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supremacy in all categories of energy conservation: awareness, planning, innovation, training and efficiency in use of equipment.

In November, the command was officially notified of the selection of USS JOHN F. KENNEDY as the 1977 winner of the Naval Weather Service Award. This award is presented annually to the Atlantic Fleet afloat command which displays excellence in meteorological and oceanographic services.

After a very pleasant port visit, USS JOHN F. KENNEDY was underway the morning of 7 November en route a MODLOC for the two day POOPDECK 2-78 Exercise with the Spanish Armed Forces. Senior Spanish officers and their American escorts visited on board 7 November for a general carrier orientation and familiarization with Exercise POOPDECK. These personnel were LGEN M. De La Torre Pascual, Captain General, First Military Region; MGEN S. Nash, USAF, JUSMAG-MAAG, Spain; MGEN J. R. Dominguez, Commandant, Spanish Marine Corps; RADM L. Rey Diaz, Chief, Strategic Division, Navy Staff; BGEN L. S. Larumbe, Chief, Operations Division, Army Staff; and BGEN L. A. Brunet, Chief, Plans Division, Air Force Staff. VADM G. Kinnear, II, Commander Naval Air Force, United States Atlantic Fleet, arrived the morning of 8 November and departed the following morning.

Exercise POOPDECK 2-78 was conducted in four phases on 7 and 8 November. Phase I involved AIRWING ONE aircraft flying specific strike routes against simulated targets in Spain. The strikes continued during Phase II and included a mini-Alfa strike. During Phase III, USS JOHN F. KENNEDY established a maximum AAW defensive posture assisted by USS DALE and USS MACDONOUGH. The Spanish Air Force conducted numerous raids on the task force and were engaged by F-14's and BPDMS. Phase IV was similar to Phase II with normal strikes conducted against land targets and another mini-Alfa strike. Throughout the exercise, the Spanish submarine MARSOPA opposed the task force and provided approximately 60 hours of ASW training. The pre-exercise liaison, as well as the open airspace, facilitated the coordination of air operations and resulted in a highly successful exercise.

USS JOHN F. KENNEDY proceeded to transit east to begin ASW Week with USS TINOSA, a PERMIT class nuclear attack submarine. ASW Week was conducted from 9 to 11 November

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and provided an opportunity for ASW aircraft and task force ASW ships to refine search and localization procedures. Considerable improvement was made in attack procedures with S-3A aircraft launching numerous simulated torpedo attacks and the USS SIMS and USS MACDONOUGH firing simulated ASROC missiles. Most attacks were evaluated as direct hits. Throughout ASW Week, VS, HS and VAW aircraft flew round-the-clock surveillance and ASW missions. With flight operations secured the evening of 12 November, USS JOHN F. KENNEDY headed towards Naples, anchoring on the morning of the 13th. On 13 November, USS JOHN F. KENNEDY was visited by RADM B. A. Burkhalter, Jr., Commander Naval Intelligence Command.

The ship was underway 22 November en route a MODLOC approximately 120 miles south of the French coast in preparation for Exercise La Fayette 1-78. The objective of the exercise was to increase the operational readiness of both AIRWING ONE and the French Air Force. The exercise was designed to be composed largely of free play activity subject only to the tactical plans of the participating commanders in order to be as realistic as possible. The scenario consisted of conventional air strikes on targets in southern France by AIRWING ONE aircraft. Elements of the French Air Force flying Mirage III C's and Mirage F-1's conducted intercepts on the inbound raids. The aggressiveness and professionalism demonstrated by all participants resulted in a most productive exercise.

On 24 November, BGEN Asil, Turkish Air Force, arrived on board for a general carrier orientation and familiarization.

On the morning of 25 November, USS JOHN F. KENNEDY proceeded westward to assume a MODLOC 100 miles east of Barcelona in order to conduct a PASSEX with units of the Spanish Navy. On the 25th, AIRWING ONE aircraft located the Spanish task group and launched simulated attacks against the CVL DEDALO and FF ASTURIAS. There was a repeat performance on the 26th and flight ops were secured at 1630A as USS JOHN F. KENNEDY transited towards Barcelona for a port visit scheduled to commence on 27 November.

On 28 November 1978, CAPT Lowell R. Myers relieved CAPT Jerry O. Tuttle as Commanding Officer, USS JOHN F. KENNEDY (CV 67).

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Dissimilar Air Combat Training (DACT) was conducted by AIRWING ONE and USAFE units at Zaragoza AB from 26 November - 4 December. The participants included FITRONS 14 and 32, CARAEWRON 125, ATKRON 34, USAFE F-15 squadrons from 36 TFW, F-4 squadrons from 86 TFG and an F-5 Det from 527 TFTAS. The joint DACT program was an outstanding success, exercising the airwing team of KA-6's, E-2C's and F-14's. The training received during the DACT program was invaluable in refreshing fighter crews in the dynamics of high speed, multi-plane scenarios with adversaries of similar performance and expertise.

USS JOHN F. KENNEDY departed Barcelona, Spain, on 4 December and headed east towards Sardinia for a training anchorage/pre-MISSILEX conference at Gulf di Palmas which was to be followed by a MISSILEX at the Salto di Quirra Range. The training anchorage scheduled for 5 December was cancelled due to heavy seas. USS JOHN F. KENNEDY was joined by USS DALE, USS BYRD, USS MACDONOUGH, USS SIMS, USS PATTERSON, USS FORREST SHERMAN and USS ALBANY for the MISSILEX at the Salto di Quirra missile range, located east of Sardinia. The exercise was conducted by U. S. Naval surface units of Task Group 60.1 and F-14 aircraft from AIRWING ONE. The exercise was concluded on the evening of 6 December after three missile firings and three drone expenditures. As with previous Task Group 60.1 exercises, the MISSILEX was a complete success due to thorough planning and professional execution.

RADM R. Carius, Commander, Sea Based ASW Wings, Atlantic, was on board USS JOHN F. KENNEDY from 5 - 7 December. On 6 December he flew with HS-11 in an SH-3 for a familiarization flight.

Awards continued to accumulate for USS JOHN F. KENNEDY when COMNAVAIRLANT awarded the ship the Silver Anchor Award on 6 December 1978. This award was presented for excellence in retention programs and was determined during the force selection process for Golden Anchor nominations to CINCLANT.

After the MISSILEX, USS JOHN F. KENNEDY and units of the Task Group conducted a CV-Simulation Exercise on 7 December. That same day, USS JOHN F. KENNEDY passed through the Strait of Bonifacio and headed west en route Valencia, Spain.

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Flight operations were conducted from 4 - 8 December and exercises conducted by the Task Group and Airwing included SIERRA STRIKES, JAMEXES, FLAREXES, SHRIKEXES, Deceptive Lighting and a war-at-sea scenario. USS JOHN F. KENNEDY anchored at Valencia, Spain, on 9 December for a port visit.

On 11 December, Commander D. P. March relieved Commander G. F. Wheatley as Commander, Carrier AIRWING ONE in hangar bay one.

USS JOHN F. KENNEDY's hospitality was extended to Senor Millan, Acting Governor of Valencia, Spain, when he visited the ship on 14 December. Dissimilar air combat training was conducted at Zaragoza AB from 9 - 18 December and once again resulted in very meaningful air combat maneuver training.

USS JOHN F. KENNEDY got underway en route Naples, Italy, at 2356A on 17 December. On 18 December, USS JOHN F. KENNEDY was awarded the Fiscal Year 1978 Golden Anchor Award which is in recognition of those Atlantic Fleet Commands that have demonstrated excellence in the management, administration and support of career motivation and retention programs. CINCLANTFLT noted, "The most important characteristic about a Golden Anchor Award Winner is the existence of a command atmosphere which clearly indicates that the command cares about their people and for their people. It can be said that these commands fully understand the balance which must be maintained between operational priorities and the treatment of their personnel."

The highlight of the 18 - 21 December at sea period was SINKEX 2-78 (Ex-USS THORNHILL (DE 195)) which took place on 20 December. Flight operations commenced the morning of 18 December with three hours of Carrier Qualifications. A Sierra Strike was conducted on USS TALBOT during the afternoon. On board to observe operations on 18 December were VADM J. R. Fernandez, Commander in Chief, Spanish Mediterranean Fleet, and RADM J. D. Y Gonzalez-Aller, Commander, Escort Force, Spain. Operations on 19 December consisted of Sierra Strikes flown against USS TALBOT and USS BLANDY. There were twelve sorties scheduled to bomb at Capo Teulada, Sardinia, in support of PHIBLEX 12-78, but only four missions were completed due to severe weather restrictions.

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(C) Statistics for USS JOHN F. KENNEDY's calendar year 1978 included:

FLIGHT OPERATIONS

Total Traps	20,451
Total Hours	49,002
Flying Days	172
Total Sorties	20,358

HANGER DECK OPERATIONS

Aircraft Moves	5,791
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ENGINEERING

Engine miles steamed	54,340	
NDF used inport	5,258,549	gals
NDF used underway	19,592,673	gals
NDF transferred to other ships	709,263	gals
Feed water distilled	24,870,822	gals
Potable water distilled	71,761,105	gals
Liquid oxygen produced	45,099	gals
Liquid nitrogen produced	17,435	gals
Number of motors rewound for other ships	33	
Number of motors rewound for KENNEDY	40	
Number of tech assists to other ships	73	
Number of CASREPTS repaired for other ships	51	
First term BT reenlistment rate	54%	

WEAPONS (ORDNANCE EXPENDITURE)

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>
MK-76 Practice Bomb	19,655
MK-82 LDGP Bomb	1,990
MK-83 LDGP Bomb	84
AIM 7 Sparrow	18 (13 AIM 7E04; 5 AIM 7F-5)
AIM 7 Sparrow Missile BPDMS	6
AIM 9 Sidewinder Missile	21

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WEAPONS (CONT'D) (ORDNANCE EXPENDITURE)

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>
MK 52-0 Dummy Mine	22
MK 55-0 Dummy Mine	4
MK 56 Dummy Mine	4
MK 36 Dummy Mine	16
MK 25 Dummy Mine	13
MK 44 Exercise Torpedo	0
20mm for MK 12	94,628
MK 58, marker, location, marine	2,538
MK 25, Marker, location, marine	1,047
MK 46 Exercise Torpedo	5

MEDICAL

Injuries	1,925
Sick Call	38,524
Ward Admissions	493
Major Surgical Cases	12
Minor Surgical Cases	151
Medevac's	24
Physicals completed	1,653

DENTAL

Total number of patients	13,347
Total number of procedures accomplished	50,398

PHOTOGRAPHIC (CVIC PRODUCTION)

ORIGINAL NEG. PROC.

10mm Mopic	0 Ft
10mm FLIR	5,380 Ft
70mm	59,720 Ft
5 inch	170,257 Ft
Total	235,357 Ft

DUPE STOCK PROC.

70mm	1,566 Ft
5 Inch	23,962 Ft
9 1/2"	30 Ft
Total	25,558 Ft

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PHOTOGRAPHIC (CVIC PRODUCTION) (CONT'D)

PRINTS, NEGS, PROC.

5 Inch	3,705 Ft
6 x 10	17,919 Ft
9 x 9	6,839 Ft
Total	28,463 Ft

HAND HELD PROC

35mm	1,181 Rolls
70mm	5,317 Ft
AD 500	580 Gal
HUNT FIX	1,540 Gal
ER AEROFLO	1,005 Gal
Total Jobs	1,737

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# OP DIV. PRODUCTION REPORT

PERIOD, FROM: 1 January 1978

TO: 1 January 1979

		STILL PHOTOGRAPHY				AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY	
		INDIVIDUAL NEGATIVES AND/OR TRANSPARENCIES		INDIVIDUAL PRINTS		CAMERA ORIGINALS (List number of units by film width.)	DUPLICATES (List number of units by film/paper width.)
		CAMERA ORIGINALS	DUPLICATES	CONTACT	PROJECTION		
C O L O R	35MM & SMALLER	10,605	2,423	447	146	672	0
	2 1/4 TO 4 X 5 5 X 7	1,049	90	359	1,578	80	800
	8 X 10	0	56	195	2,873	0	0
	LARGER THAN 8 X 10	0	0	0	233	0	0
B L A C K & W H I T E	35MM & SMALLER	7,249	571	16,303	70	370	0
	2 1/4 TO 4 X 5 5 X 7	9,750	165	5,928	20,044	0	0
	8 X 10	30	0	1,043	27,983	0	0
	LARGER THAN 8 X 10	0	0	454	1,240	0	0
TOTAL		28,683	3,305	24,929	54,167	1,122	800

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TOTAL JOBS COMPLETED 3553

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SUPPLY

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>CARGO SHIPPED</u>	<u>CARGO RECEIVED</u>	<u>PARCEL POST RECEIVED</u>	<u>ISSUES NON-AVIATION</u>	<u>ISSUES AVIATION</u>	<u>TOTAL ISSUES BY MONTH</u>
JAN	93	480,000	59,351	1663	537	2200
FEB	1,083	300,000	52,662	2356	1265	3621
MAR	47,199	240,000	35,890	3119	2578	5697
APR	41,247	420,000	30,420	2048	740	2788
MAY	543	420,000	33,527	2783	1521	4304
JUN	0	600,000	41,245	2196	859	3055
JUL	33,970	50,283	36,254	2446	3132	5578
AUG	54,886	164,515	69,083	3907	4009	7916
SEP	119,817	160,000	76,614	3213	3541	6754
OCT	173,006	196,813	80,729	2299	3243	5542
NOV	122,211	150,983	68,520	1839	2441	4280
DEC	147,784	52,808	96,627	1634	2717	4351
Total	700,592	3,235,402	680,922	29,503	26,583	56,086

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<u>MONTH</u>	<u>RATIONS FED</u>	<u>FOOD COST</u>
JANUARY	78,315	\$220,189.34
FEBRUARY	80,658	\$231,680.76
MARCH	92,778	\$264,957.68
APRIL	55,269	\$154,365.25
MAY	96,546	\$261,517.02
JUNE	51,517	\$149,545.34
JULY	122,150	\$349,304.04
AUGUST	120,111	\$390,060.13
SEPTEMBER	114,596	\$341,783.21
OCTOBER	111,065	\$328,275.02
NOVEMBER	102,887	\$343,881.00
DECEMBER	116,697	\$349,846.40
Total	1,142,589	\$3,385,405.19

DISBURSING DATA FROM JANUARY-DECEMBER 1978

Approximate value of foreign currency sold (in equivalent U. S. dollars).

<u>FOREIGN CURRENCY</u>	<u>DAYS IN PORT</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Italian Lire	44	\$290,000.00
Spanish Pesetas	23	\$130,000.00
Egyptian Pounds	6	\$ 44,000.00
Totals	73	\$464,000.00

	<u>JAN-JUN</u> <u>(IN U.S.)</u>	<u>JUL-DEC</u> <u>(DEPLOYED)</u>
Checks Issued	\$2,341,849.00	\$1,481,754.00
Monthly Disbursement	\$1,553,417.00	\$1,207,816.00
Collections	\$204,018.00	\$250,623.00
Confirmed Deposits	\$892,926.00	\$725,589.00
Payrolls	\$1,490,821.00	\$1,124,543.00

\$5,220,000.00 in U. S. currency purchased prior to deployment.

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SHIP'S STORE SALES

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>SALES</u>
JANUARY	\$154,584.21
FEBRUARY	\$147,067.20
MARCH	\$248,366.46
APRIL	\$ 99,506.24
MAY	\$147,711.49
JUNE	\$112,243.99
JULY	\$294,683.58
AUGUST	\$333,140.02
SEPTEMBER	\$168,167.26
OCTOBER	\$340,821.53
NOVEMBER	\$193,103.78
DECEMBER	\$208,100.00
Total	\$2,447,495.76

NOTE: During this time frame, \$180,000.00 was transferred to USS JOHN F. KENNEDY's Welfare and Recreation Fund from Ship's Store profits.

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